Pandiyan Thodu.

96 *MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the neglected condition of the Pandiyan Thodu, in Palamel and Nooranadu pakuthies in Mavelikara taluk, and the sluice at Edappon (on Mavelikara-Pandalam Road) and the consequent injury to the cultivation of paddy in the adjoining lands;

(*b*) whether any Executive Engineer or Assistant Engineer inspected the thodu and sluice within the last three years; and

(*c*) the last date on which they inspected the thodu and the sluice?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) On 16-4-1118 by the Executive Engineer, Quilon, and on 20-12-1119 by the Assistant Engineer, Kuttanad Sub-Division.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Government know that this canal is used to irrigate and also to drain water in about 1,000 acres of land?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes, Sir.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Has the Chief Engineer gone to the place at any time?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Many a time.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Chief Engineer knows that this canal is in a neglected condition?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: No, Sir. It is not at all in a neglected condition now.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Chief Engineer has enquired whether the cultivation of the paddy fields round about is carried on with profit?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: There is no information that any damage or loss occurred.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Chief Engineer knows that there is a sluice at Edappon?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes, Sir.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether it is not wide enough to allow the passage of all the water?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: No. It has been reconstructed during the last year or two at a cost of 10,000 rupees.

Arthi Thodu.

97. *MR. V. MADHAVAN (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state why the opening of the Arthi Thodu in Maravanthuruthu pakuthy, Vaikom taluk is not yet commenced?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: The land acquisition proceedings have not been completed.

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